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**Notes on the 2015 ATRS World Conference**\*

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**Abstract.** In this study, the evaluation of the 19.The ATRS (The Air Transport Research Society) World Conference held between 2-5 July 2015 in Singapore will be mentioned.

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**Conference Notes**

The Air Transport Research Society has organized TSR World Conference since 1997. The 19.ATSR was organized by Authority of Singapore, Singapore Aviation Academy and National University of Singapore at Conference Town Plaza. Participants from aviation industry and universities joined in the conference.

The Conference was held for the first time in Vancouver, Canada. Besides European countries, the conference was held in China, Brazil, Australia, Japan, Turkey, USA and UAE.

In the conference, air transportation, airline and airport topics are discussed. It aims to increase attention of people towards aviation, to discuss new ideas about aviation progress, to mention about multi-national and multi-disciplinary issues on air transportation and to examine management, finance, economics and law related to aviation.

The Conference was started with Airport Benchmarking Taskforce Meeting, ATRS Networking Committee Meeting and ATRS Executive Committee Meeting. Only special participants may join in these meetings. In the first day of the conference, Technical Tour (Changi Airport Terminal 3) was held. Another important meeting was Ph.D. Student and Junior Faculty Workshop (registration required).

Transportation opportunity to the conference from airport and good information provided by organization committee showed that there was a good organization talent. On the 3rd July Friday, Keynote Session 1: The Changing Aviation Landscape in Asia was held by participants from Star Alliance, International Air Transport Association (IATA), Web-in-Travel and National University of Singapore. On the same day, at Keynote Session II: 2015 ATRS Global Airport Performance Benchmarking Report and Excellence Awards Session, Airport Excellence Award Presentation was held. Similarly, Keynote Session III: Best Practices in Airport Management and Singapore Air Logistics Panel Session was held.

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At the conference, academic works on aviation were categorized under different sessions. In Airport Strategy, Management and Operations session, experiential studies related to airports were included.

In Airline Economics, Low-Cost Carriers, Airline Strategy, Management and Operations and Airline Network Development session, there were studies related to economic, financial, management and operational aspects of air transportation.

In the Aviation Safety & Security session, security and safety topics were discussed. In addition to this, demand, performance and environment topics in the air transportation were evaluated in the session of Air Transport Demand, Airport and Airline Performance and Environmental Issues in Air Transport. In the Air Cargo session, there were presentations on aviation cargo.

Many academics and industry experts from all over the earth attended in the conference. In the conference, there were about 200 presentations related to aviation topics.

Academic works presented at ATRS (The Air Transport Research Society) World Conference are not prepared as proceedings book. This is an important deficiency of the conference. Besides, participants who have qualified works have opportunity to publish their works in International Journal of Aviation Management (IJAM), Journal of Air Transport Management (JATM), Journal of Air Transport Studies (JATS), Transport Policy (TP) and Transport Research Part A (TRP-A). However, high prices of these journals prevent many participants from publishing their works.

In the conclusion, ATRS (The Air Transport Research Society) World Conference is very important for evaluating the latest academic and industrial developments in aviation. At the same time, the conference contributes to industry and academic interaction, and developing multinational networks. It would be good for public welfare and aviation development if academic works were prepared in proceedings book.



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